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VACCINE POINTS

"Vaccine Points" is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: **An unvaccinated patient with laboratory confirmed influenza should receive influenza vaccine once he recovers from his acute illness. True or False?**

True.

Answer:



Influenza vaccines contain three (trivalent) or four (quadrivalent) influenza vaccine virus strains: two A viruses and one or two B viruses. Infection with one influenza virus type does not confer immunity to other types. Administering influenza vaccine to an unvaccinated patient with laboratory confirmed influenza would provide protection from additional influenza virus strains contained in the vaccine that he may be exposed to during the influenza season.

Immunization Action Coalition, Ask the Experts:
https://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_inf.asp

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